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INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC ROUTES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of international air traffic routes passing through Indian air space and the annual income earned by the Government from the flights using these air traffic routes; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to revamp the civil aviation sector?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) There are 84 International Air Traffic Services (ATS) Routes passing through the Indian airspace. The income earned by Airports Authority of India (AAI) on account of Route Navigational Facilities Charges (RNFC)(Enroute) for the year 2003-04 was Rs.339.32 crores.

(b) With regard to Indian airspace, AAI has implemented Revised ATS Route Structure, Europe Middle East Asia Route Structure South o f Himalayas (EMARSSH) Project, Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM) whereby the capacity of airspace in horizontal as well as vertical dimension have been increased considerably. Besides, AAI has also commissioned new Radars at various Area Control Centres, Automatic Dependent Surveillance / Controller Pilot Data Link Communication (ADS/CPDLC) at Chennai & Kolkata Area Control Centres. There is a plan to introduce ADS/CPDLC at Mumbai and Delhi. AAI has shortened some trunk international ATS routes to reduce the flying time of international flights through Indian airspace with the aim to attract more number of international flights through Indian airspace.